

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. No claims have been amended or canceled.

Claims 1-8 were rejected provisionally over copending applications 10/811,518 and 10/812,127. Applicants acknowledge these rejections, but will not respond at this time as they are provisional rejections. If only provisional double patenting rejections were to remain in this case, "the examiner should then withdraw [the] rejection[s] and permit the application to issue as a patent." M.P.E.P. § 804(I)(B)(¶2).

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) and 103(a) over Hisanari. Applicants submit herewith a Declaration of the inventors under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 demonstrating that Applicants made the present invention prior to the October 31, 2002 publication date of Hisanari. Applicants then reduced their invention to practice by filing provisional application serial no. 60/460,948 (to which a claim to priority is made in the present application) on April 7, 2003. Accordingly, the rejections over Hisanari should be withdrawn, and the application allowed.

Applicants believe that the Declaration and the remarks above have overcome the rejection. However, if the Examiner has any further objections to the application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone at (847) 649-3891 to discuss the remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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